

Data Quality Profiler (SQL)

SQL - profiling queries with sample output (PostgreSQL)

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DATA QUALITY PROFILER: a simple, worked example (PostgreSQL)
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WHAT THIS SCRIPT DOES
1. PROFILING -> describes the data (rows, missing values, distinct
               values, ranges). It answers "what is in this table?"
2. DQ CHECKS -> counts rule violations. It answers "is the data good?"

This file is self-contained: it builds a tiny sample table with DELIBERATE
problems, then runs both queries on it. Run the whole file on PostgreSQL
and you will get the results shown in the comments.
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-- 0. SAMPLE DATASET (invented; the problems are flagged in the comments)
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DROP TABLE IF EXISTS customers;
CREATE TEMP TABLE customers (
    customer_id text,
    name        text,
    email       text,
    country_code text,
    created_at  date,
    updated_at  date
);

INSERT INTO customers VALUES
('C001','Alice Martin','alice.martin@example.com','FR','2025-01-10','2025-01-12'),
('C002','Bob Smith','bob.smith@example.com','DE','2025-02-03','2025-02-05'),
('C003','Carla Rossi','carla@example.com','IT','2025-02-20','2025-02-19'), -- country IT not allowed; updated < created
('C004','David Lee','not-an-email','GB','2025-03-01','2025-03-02'), -- email has no @
('C004','David Lee','david.lee@example.com','GB','2025-03-01','2025-03-05'), -- duplicate id C004
('C006','Emma Dubois',NULL,'FR','2025-03-10','2025-03-11'), -- email missing
('C007','Frank Meyer','frank.meyer@example.com','CH','2025-03-15','2025-03-16'),
('C008','Grace Kim','grace.kim@example.com','US','2025-04-01','2025-04-02'),
(NULL,'Henry Ford','henry.ford@example.com','BE','2025-04-05','2025-04-06'), -- customer_id missing
('C010','Ivy Chen','ivy.chen@example.com','FR','2025-04-08','2025-04-09'); -- email has no domain ending

-- 1. PROFILING - describe the table (no rules, just facts)
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-- COUNT(col) ignores NULLs, so "filled" = COUNT(col) and "missing" = total - that.
SELECT
    COUNT(*)                AS row_count,
    COUNT(customer_id)      AS id_filled,
    COUNT(*) - COUNT(customer_id) AS id_missing,
    COUNT(DISTINCT customer_id) AS id_distinct,
    COUNT(email)            AS email_filled,
    COUNT(*) - COUNT(email) AS email_missing,
    COUNT(DISTINCT country_code) AS country_distinct,
    MIN(created_at)         AS earliest_created,
    MAX(updated_at)        AS latest_updated
FROM customers;

/* EXPECTED RESULT
row_count | id_filled | id_missing | id_distinct | email_filled | email_missing | country_distinct | earliest_created | latest_updated
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      10 |         9 |          1 |           8 |           9 |           1 |              7 | 2025-01-10 | 2025-04-09
Reading it: 10 rows; 1 customer_id missing; 8 distinct ids out of 9 filled (so 1 duplicate);
1 email missing; 7 distinct countries.
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-- 2. DATA QUALITY CHECKS - count how many rows break each rule
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-- COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE ...) counts only the rows that match the condition.
SELECT 'Completeness: customer_id present' AS rule,
    COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE customer_id IS NULL) AS failing_rows FROM customers
UNION ALL SELECT 'Completeness: email present',
    COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE email IS NULL) FROM customers
UNION ALL SELECT 'Uniqueness: customer_id (surplus duplicates)',
    COUNT(customer_id) - COUNT(DISTINCT customer_id) FROM customers
UNION ALL SELECT 'Validity: email format',
    COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE email IS NOT NULL
        AND email !~ '^[^@\\s]+@[^@\\s]+\\.([^@\\s]+)$') FROM customers

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UNION ALL SELECT 'Validity: country on allowed list',
    COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE country_code NOT IN ('FR','DE','BE','LU','CH','GB','US')) FROM customers
UNION ALL SELECT 'Consistency: created_at <= updated_at',
    COUNT(*) FILTER (WHERE created_at > updated_at) FROM customers;

/* EXPECTED RESULT
rule                                     | failing_rows
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Completeness: customer_id present      | 1 (the NULL id row)
Completeness: email present             | 1 (Emma Dubois)
Uniqueness: customer_id (surplus duplicates) | 1 (second C004)
Validity: email format                  | 2 (not-an-email, ivy.chen@example)
Validity: country on allowed list       | 1 (Carla Rossi, IT)
Consistency: created_at <= updated_at   | 1 (Carla Rossi)
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